

# Insights

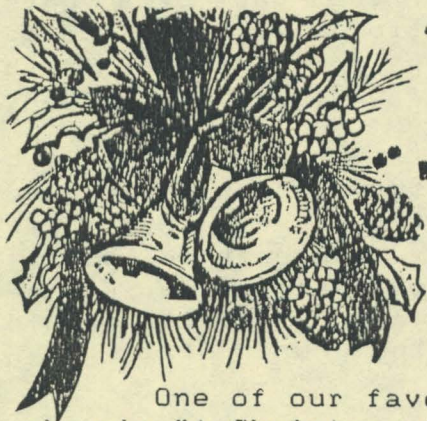
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

The Rev. W. Eric Carson  
Minister



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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

**GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE!!!**

One of our favorite and most heart-warming scenes from the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" is the Christmas Eve celebration at dear old Fezziwig's counting house, where young Ebenezer Scrooge does his apprenticeship. The word picture Mr. Dickens painted of the celebration, the good food and the sharing of love, positively glowed with Christian feelings of good tidings of great joy and the sharing of God's good news with all of those in the human family.

In Duke Memorial's "family," there are also a great many for whom the Christmas season needs to be filled with the laughter of young children, the spicy seasoning of the Christmas meal and the sharing of love, memories and laughter with a church "family," when there may be no other family around.

Won't you join us in a celebration of love on Christmas Eve? Immediately following Eric's Christmas message during the regular 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather together in the Fellowship hall to share a Christmas Eve meal and the joys of the season. We need volunteers to help prepare food, serve food, and perhaps provide transportation for someone who may have no way to attend. If you would like to help, in any way, your hands and your heart will be gladly received.

Help us celebrate together the true meaning of Christmas...the sharing of love and God's message with those who might be facing an otherwise lonely and family-less holiday. If you know someone...a student who can't go home for the holidays, an elderly person or shut-in with no particular plans for Christmas Eve, please ask them to share their time and their memories with us!

The luncheon will be immediately after the worship service, with opportunities to visit and share some time until mid-afternoon, or until you must leave. Your time, your help and your presence are greatly needed and would be gladly received. Call me (493-0398) after 7 p.m. to become a contributor.

THANKS TO YOU ALL, IN ADVANCE!!!

*Kay Herman*





Tom Walker, Duke N. 9306  
 Corinne Langley, DCGH  
 Minnie Speight, DCGH 7117

### CONGRATULATIONS



At a December 7th Founder's Day Convocation on the Duke University campus, the University Medal, recognizing "service to the University of an extraordinary kind," was presented to Marcus Hobbs, distinguished service professor emeritus in chemistry, and Kenneth Goodson, bishop-in-residence at the Divinity School.

"October Snow," by Ruth Phelps has been chosen, as one of 83 from a field of over 600, for acceptance into a juried art show. Ruth's watercolor will be on display at the Durham Art Guild until January 9, 1990.



THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE wishes to thank the following for obtaining greeters over the past year: Wilson Coffin, Holly Eggleston and Evelyn Friebel for the lion's share.

Gloria Johnson will be responsible for asking greeters for the next quarter. If she calls you, please comply.

Sarah McCracken

THANKS TO CIRCLE #7 (Mary Jones, Chairperson) for adopting a shut-in, not in their circle, to check on and love.

### Staff



The Staff-Paris Relations Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Jane Lynch, effective February 1, 1990. Jane's tenure as Director of Music at Duke Memorial for the past ten years has been filled with great music. She can be proud of the superb Sanctuary Choir and other programs.

The congregation is invited to make a monetary love gift which will be presented to Jane at a special event during the month of January. Gifts should be sent to the Church Office.



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS"  
 Sunday, December 17, 1989

4:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary  
 Refreshments following

More than eighty children, ages 4-12, in our church will be presenting a Christmas nativity play, including music by both the Junior and Carol Choirs. We will see Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus, the shepherds and wise men, the angels, and two donkeys, a cow, a sheep, and a dove. And we will hear the sounds of Christmas.

Come experience that first Christmas when God showed His love for all of us by giving His Son to the world as a tiny baby.

You are invited to stay for refreshments in Whitford Hall after the program.



## WESLEY CLASS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

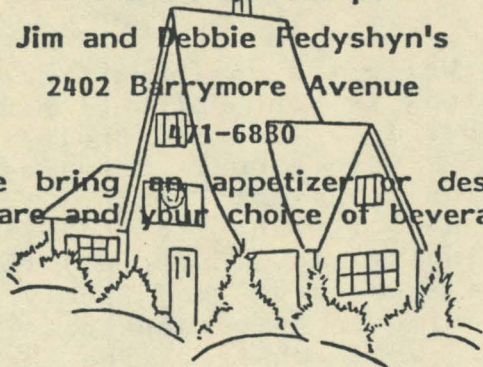
December 16, 8:00 p.m.

Jim and Debbie Fedyshyn's  
2402 Barrymore Avenue

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471-6880

Please bring an appetizer or dessert  
to share and your choice of beverage.



### NEW ADDRESSES:

Annie Cole, Health Care  
Center, Room 222

Alberta Poe Lane, Twin Oaks,  
Route 1, Box 484,  
Asheboro, NC 27203

Mabel Shears, Hillhaven Rehab  
& Convalescent Ctr, Rm. 25A

Ruth Long, Hillcrest Con-  
valescent Center, Room 307

WE WILL NEED EXTRA HELP the week  
of December 18-22 delivering  
fruit baskets to shut-ins. We  
are delivering some to the  
Methodist Retirement Home on Dec.  
19 at 10:00 a.m. If you can  
deliver one or two fruit baskets  
that week, please call Ann  
Stallings (683-3467).

## Sunday School

The Serendipity Sunday

School Class will suspend its  
study of ROMANS for three Sundays,  
starting Dec. 17, to view the  
videotapes by Richard Foster based  
on his book, CELEBRATION OF DIS-  
CIPLINE. If you are interested in  
joining the class for this short-  
term study or are looking for a  
class, please join us in the Al-  
dersgate Room Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

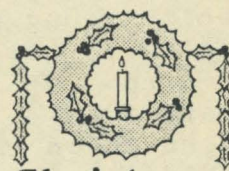


Don't forget Christmas Eve  
worship at 5:30 p.m., December  
24. We will celebrate the Lord's  
Supper at that service.

### BIBLE STUDY

M.O.M.S. (Mornings  
of Meditation and  
Study) and Afternoon  
Bible Study will not  
meet Dec. 18/21,  
Dec. 25/28, & Jan.1/  
4. These groups  
resume the week of  
January 7.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### FOR YOUR Christmas READING:

- Adult:
- 1) Nutcracker
  - 2) The Trees of Christmas
  - 3) The Glory of Christmas
  - 4) The Other Wise Man
  - 5) Too Much Holly, Not  
Enough Holy?

### Children:

- 1) Tell Me About Christmas
- 2) The Story of Saint  
Nicholas
- 3) Christmas in the Stable
- 4) The Fir Tree
- 5) The Littlest Angel



# Sing to the LORD a New Song!

CELEBRATION SINGERS

NEXT REHEARSAL:  
Monday, January 8  
7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room



## STEWARDSHIP 1989

While the dominant theme of Christmas is one of beginnings, December is a time for endings as well. Our Annual Stewardship Campaign is fast coming to a close and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who gave so freely of their time in this campaign. Tom Stark, who chaired the Major Givers Committee, and Carlyne Averell, who chaired our Telethon Committee, deserve special thanks. Working with Tom Stark were: Wil Drake, Laney Funderburk, Bill Self, Ran and Shirley Few, and Dillard Teer. Working on the Telethon Committee with Carlyne were: Shirley Few, Carol Auer, Bob and Jean Weynand, Helen and Frank Harrell, Oliver and Helen Upchurch, Bill Martin, Maureen Oakes, Jo Ann Mentzer, Tim Turkington, Phil Averell, Wil Drake, Maxine Blair, & Amy Kellum.

All of these people deserve your special thanks for a job well done. As of December 1st, we have received pledges totaling \$320,000, which is about 92% of the total amount needed to underwrite next year's budget. If you plan to pledge for next year, we urge you to call the church at 683-3467 and make your intentions known. We would like to have 1989 go down in Duke Memorial history as the year we had both a successful capital fund-raising drive and a successful Every Member Campaign.

Jim Mentzer  
Stewardship Chairman

## YOUTH

### J.O.Y. CLASS

At its December meeting, the Administrative Board approved plans submitted by the J.O. Y. Class (7-12th grades) for our youth to participate in a Summer Mission Trip to Douglas, Alaska, August 2-12. Over the next months, you'll be hearing more about this special outreach program.

## CONFIRMATION

Plans are now being made for our 1990 Confirmation Class. The Class, open to young people in 6th grade or older, will be held on Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning January 18. The Class will join the church on Pentecost, June 3. The Confirmation experience will be varied and interesting in its approach to helping young people make their own decision about their Christian beliefs and church membership. Current 6th graders and other unconfirmed young people will be contacted about the program.

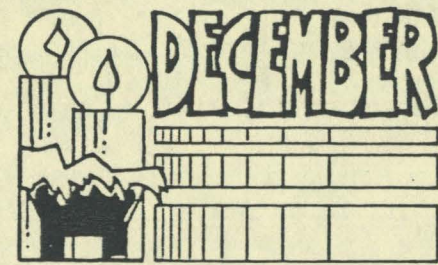
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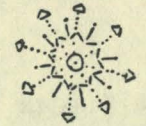





Receipts through Nov. 26, 1989:	Budgeted	\$309,326
	Received	<u>281,702</u>
		\$(27,624)

Capital Campaign for Renewal	\$128,516
United Methodist Student Day	\$ 91







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR will present A SERVICE OF LESSONS &amp; CAROLS during the worship service Dec. 17, including a variety of music and lessons from the scriptures.</p>						<p>16 10:00 Children's Rehearsal  4:00 SAM  8:00 Wesley Class Social</p>
<p>9:45 Sunday School 17 10:55 Worship Service, <i>Special Music</i> LESSONS AND CAROLS 3:30 Children to Aldersgate 4:00 Children's Play, Sanc.</p>	<p>18  1:30 Staff Mtg</p>	<p>19 10:00 Visitation to Methodist Ret. Circle 8 12:00 DCIA  7:30 RESULTS</p>	<p>20 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch 12:30 Advent Devotion/Lunch  7:30 Bethany Bells</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>9:45 Sunday School 24 10:55 Worship Service 12:15 Fellowship Meal  <i>Christmas Eve Service</i> 5:30 Christmas Eve Communion Service</p>	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> </p>	<p>26  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>
<p>9:45 Sunday School 31 10:55 Worship Service</p>	<p>JANUARY 1 </p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch  7:30 Bethany Bells</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 </p>
<p>9:15 Junior Choir 7 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Communion Worship</p>	<p>8 9:15 MOMS 10:00 Circle 1 &amp; 3 11:00 UMW Gen. Mtg **  1:30 Staff Mtg  7:30 CELEBRATION SINGERS</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:15 PMO 10:00 Lunch Bunch  7:30 Bethany Bells</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>** UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S General Mtg. will be held on January 8, 1990. Caroline Sasser of the Weekday School will be the morning's speaker.  Each person is asked to bring a sandwich.</p>	<p>7:30 Sanctuary Ch</p>



**THIS CHRISTMAS...**

- ...keep a promise
- ...welcome a stranger
- ...seek out a forgotten friend
- ...listen
- ...laugh
- ...brighten the heart of a child
- ...encourage the young
- ...express your gratitude
- ...take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth
- ...speak your love
- ...and speak it once again.

*Christmas Blessings to our Members and Friends,*

*Mary Ann Carol Poff Eric Sharpe  
Bucky Larry Jonathan Jane L. Lynch  
Donna*

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# Christmas is...

GIVE A VERY SPECIAL GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME, GIVEN TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. The American Red Cross in Durham has a need for volunteers in several different areas, but particularly to drive Red Cross cars taking elderly and low-income patients to their medical appointments. They also need volunteers to assist on bloodmobiles. Call Volunteer Services (489-6541) for more information on how you can give the "gift of time."

"Thank you so very much for your thoughtful and generous gift to Resurrection United Methodist Church. Your gift is certainly evidence of a 'mission heart' at Duke Memorial. With your support, we continue to reach out to the people of Southwest Durham and Chapel Hill. Together we are in ministry for Jesus Christ."

E. Powell Osteen, Jr.  
Pastor, Resurrection UMC



Deadline for  
Next Issue:  
**JAN. 10**



**SUNDAYS IN  
January**

7th: Communion Service

14th: Choir Cantata  
(rescheduled from  
December 10)

21st: New Member  
Reception